

MEETING MINUTES

North Carolina Aeronautics Council

November 16, 2010

Raleigh, NC

The November 16, 2010 Aeronautics Council meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman Carter Keller in Raleigh, Division of Aviation Office conference room #2.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Carter Keller, Chairman
Jim Heavner
Henry Isaacson
M. W. Mullinix, Sr.
Bill Reese
Doreen Richter
Dr. J. Anthony Sharp
Jim Shaw
Larry Wagner
Norman Wiginton-by teleconference

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

David Barker
Melvin Daniels
Cress Horne
Joe Randall, Vice Chairman
Jay Wyatt

AVIATION STAFF PRESENT

Richard Walls, Director of Aviation
Ted Alman
Rick Barks
Shirley Pearce-Rowley
Nancy Seigler
Bobby Walston

DOT

Jerry Higgins, NCDOT Communications Office
Katie Warner, NCDOT Photographer

GUESTS

George Futrelle, Duplin County Airport
Lee Hester, Lumberton Airport
Mark Davidson, Smith Reynolds Airport
Paul Smith, W.K. Dickson Consultant Co.
Judge Linda McGee

Elizabeth Buono, Governor's Office
Lena Hill-Lawrence, Elizabeth City

Chairman Keller welcomed and thanked all for attending the meeting. Judge Linda McGee was introduced; she then proceeded with the Swearing – In Ceremony for the two new Aeronautics Council members, Dr. Anthony Sharp and Norman Wiginton II.

Approval of Minutes

After review of the September 22nd meeting minutes, Chairman Keller asked for a motion for approval. Motion for approval was made and seconded. The Council unanimously approved the September meeting minutes.

Business

- **Federal Funding Update**

Mr. Rick Barkes gave a brief update on the Federal Funding. No funding recommendations were presented at this meeting. Mr. Barkes and Bobby Walston presented to the Council members and explained the new North Carolina General Aviation Development Plan.

Other concerned issues were discussed.

Changes to aviation grant rules, short term extension on the FAA funding/Re-authorization, stimulus money, earmarks and potential budget cut were discussed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Walls reported on the following items/events and meetings he attended and participated in. He talked about and discussed issues brought up by the Council.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Regional Planning Organization (RPO) – measures what the public wants and needs.

Grant Assurance change was discussed.

GTP Grant – \$350,000 for bringing Commercial Air Service back to Kinston.

The Goldsboro “Fly Like a Pro” Fly-In on November 6 was discussed. The Division of Aviation co-sponsors event promoting pilot safety and public awareness. Small aircraft pilots, as well as the general public, had the opportunity to visit the Goldsboro-Wayne County Airport and Fly Like a Pro fly-in co-sponsored by the N.C. Department of Transportation Division of Aviation. (Info attached)

The 2010 Transportation Hall of Fame event was shared with the Council. Executive Director of the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport, Jerry Orr was one of the inductee. U.S. DOT Secretary Ray LaHood attended this celebration.

He shared his visit to RDU welcoming the return of the World War II Veterans back from Washington, DC.

The Aeronautical Chart was shown to the Council members. Mr. Walls thanked Jerry Higgins, DOT Communications Officer and Ted Alman for their work on preparing the chart.

Members Report/Comments

Council member Bill Reese spoke about Lincoln-Lincolnton County's new airport terminal and how it has made such a great difference for the community.

Council member Jim Shaw introduced his guest and the new director of the Smith Reynolds Airport in Winston-Salem, Mr. Mark Davidson.

Dr. Sharp introduced guest Lena Lawrence, Elizabeth City Council member and member of the Elizabeth City Airport Authority.

Dr. Sharp talked about the Elizabeth State University Air Traffic Control Program Course and the use of a Cessna II in their flight program. This is the first time for a plane to be used in a state education program.

Council member Jim Heavner thanked Communications Officer, Jerry Higgins for all the e-mails on articles of information and events going on in North Carolina.

The next Council meeting was discussed and is scheduled for December 16th in Manteo, NC at the Roanoke Island Festival Park-Art Gallery, located at One Festival Park. The meeting will start at 1:30 pm.

The Commemoration of the Wright Brother Celebration will be on the 17th. All staff and Council members were encouraged to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Carter Keller, Chairman

Date

Doreen Richter, Secretary

Date